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JOINT PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

ARMY - NAVY - CIA

INSTALLATION: Alleged Guided Missile Sites  
LOCATION : Near Bialystok, Poland  
B. E. NUMBER: None  
WAC NUMBER: 168

BRIEF NO.: JB-4-59  
DATE : 17 March 1959  
LAT. : 53°05'N to 53°20'N  
LONG. : 23°19'E to 23°47'E

MAP DATA:

AMS Series M508, Sheet S-54, 1:250,000 (U).

ATTACHMENT: Map showing rail spurs near Bialystok, Poland

REQUIREMENT: Follow-up study of preliminary work originally accomplished in response to requirement No. J-1-58.

REMARKS:

This brief discusses five rail spurs, covered by photography of [REDACTED] located on rail lines between Bialystok, Poland and Volkovysk, USSR, and [REDACTED] between Bialystok and Grodno, USSR (see attached map). Collateral has alleged that two guided missile sites were constructed in this area prior to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] An analysis of the five rail spurs has been made to determine whether they are associated with the reported missile activity. It has been concluded from photographic analysis and additional collateral that these spurs service transloading sites, probably for military use.

Three spurs (Sites 1, 2, and 3) leave the Bialystok/Volkovysk line. Sites 1 and 2 are located 3.7 nautical miles (nm) from the Soviet-Polish border, and Site 3 is 12.1 nm from the border. The other two spurs (Sites 4 and 5) leave

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the Bialystok/Grodno line at points 16 and 7.2 nm, respectively, from the border. The two main lines and the spurs probably have both Soviet broad-gage and Polish standard-gage tracks. The five sites are also characterized by being located in isolated wooded areas.

Sites 1 and 2 have concrete side-loading platforms and are probably military equipment transloading stations. An adjacent railroad yard along the main line is associated with these stations. There are no visible security fences in the area. At Site 3, which is fenced, no loading platforms are present. However, on a hill several hundred feet distant secured excavations are underway for two clusters of four probable POL tanks each. A ditch is under construction from each of the two excavations to the fenced transloading site. Photographic interpretation and additional collateral indicate that this site is a POL transloading facility with provision for surplus POL storage.

Site 4 on the Bialystok/Grodno line has a concrete side-loading platform similar to those found at Sites 1 and 2, and it is also a probable military equipment transloading station. No railroad yard is associated with this station, nor is there any apparent security fence. Site 5 has the configuration of a turning wye extending into a wooded area, but resolution and obliquity of the photography precludes further interpretation.

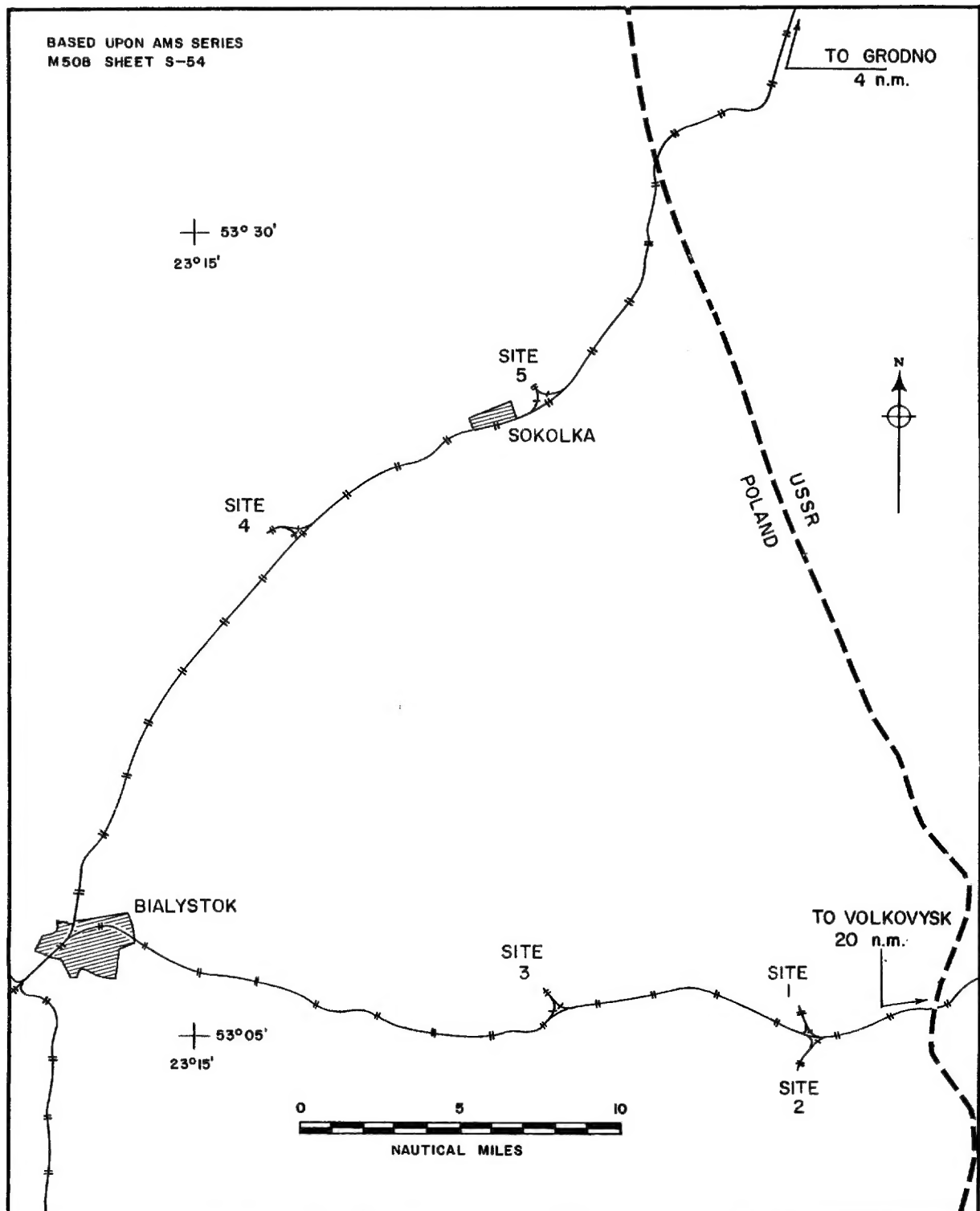
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